

In Mexico there is a tall which consists of an oak tree with a chain and staple attachment.

Statistics show that criminals are nearly always weak physically as well as mentally.

The English school of watercolor painting is recognized as the leaders of the world.

One hundred and fifty of the 670 members of the new house of commons are total abstainers.

Edinburgh has adopted a scheme for collecting for a public library a 100,000 copies of the four of the twelve books.

Canada reported last year 1,000,000 tons of coal, and 1,000,000 tons of oil, with showing a promising increase in coal and oil.

There has been opened in the city of New York a new school for the blind, and it is the intention of the government to support it.

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The outlook for American wood and wood products is favorable.

For three years a hospital has been in existence at Bromley, near London, where only a fruit diet is allowed to the patients, and where during that time there have been only two deaths among the 500 patients who have received treatment.

The United States is the wealthiest nation with Great Britain second.

Buses and cars cease running in London at 12:30 a. m., and one of the reasons why the labor men in the house of commons want earlier sittings is that they have no autos or broughams and can not afford cabs and so would have to walk home in all weathers if the house sat late.

New Jersey's road commissioner reports that the state policy of highway improvement has advanced the price of lands, and in some cases \$125 an acre.

For naval victories he won a pension of \$10,000 a year was granted in 1782 to Lord Rodney and his heirs forever.

Consul Richardson, of Jalapa, reports that the greater part of the furniture in use in Mexico is handmade, and consequently very expensive.

A Russian doctor has spent a great deal of time finding out what animals can count, and has found that horses can count more numbers than any other animals.

By reason of the efficient work of the department of commerce in investigating foreign markets our export trade has gone upward by bounds.

The recent work of special agents in Mexico has convinced many that our neighbor to the south is a customer we must cultivate.

The Union Pacific has just turned out a new type of gasoline motor which is an improvement on the old type in several ways, the most noticeable being the "port hole" windows and the most serviceable being the new gear which specially prepares the car for climbing grades.

The entrance to the new car is on the side instead of at the end, as in former cars. The windows are air, water and dust proof and in connection with the new ventilating system are said to be perfect. The vibration and noise of the engine is largely eliminated.

A POPULAR ROOSEVELT RESOLUTION.



THE PRESIDENT PROCLAIMS

URGENT APPEAL FOR AID FOR THE SUFFERING.

All Cities, Commercial Bodies, Relief Committees and Individuals Urged to Send Aid.

Washington, Thursday. President Roosevelt, after a conference with Miss Mahel Boardman, of the American National Red Cross, issued in the form of a proclamation an appeal to the American people for aid for the people of San Francisco.

The proclamation is made through the officials of the American National Red Cross, who have effected systematic arrangements for the distribution of the need aid.

The full text of the president's proclamation follows:

"In the face of so terrible and appalling a national calamity as that which has befallen San Francisco, the outpouring of the nation's aid should, as far as possible, be entrusted to the American Red Cross, the national organization best fitted to undertake such relief work.

A specially appointed Red Cross agent, Dr. Edward Dineen, starts today from New York for California to co-operate with the Red Cross branch in the work of relief. In order that this work may be well systematized, and in order that the contributions which I am sure will flow in with lavish generosity, may be wisely administered, I appeal to the people of the United States, to all cities, chambers of commerce, boards of trade, relief committees and individuals to express their sympathy and render their aid by contributions to the American National Red Cross. They can be sent to Hon. Charles Hallam, Keep, Red Cross treasurer, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, New York; Red Cross treasurer, or other local Red Cross treasurer, to be forwarded by telegraph from Washington to the Red Cross agents and officers in California.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

TROOPS AND MINERS CLASH

French Gendarmes Wound Many Strikers in Riot-Revolutionary Songs.

Lens, France. A fierce conflict between troops and strikers occurred here. The latter, marching from Lens, sacked the residence of a mine official, and tearing down the shutters, used them as shields against the weapons of the soldiers, a number of whom were injured by missiles.

The troops were compelled to call for reinforcements, and cavalry charges followed. The strikers sought refuge behind the railroad embankment and erected a barricade, from which position they were dislodged by volleys. A number of miners were wounded. After this collision the crowds marched through the town, singing revolutionary songs. The market at Lens was partly pillaged and the dealers fled.

EARTHQUAKE IN MICHIGAN

One Man Killed and Four Injured in the Quincy Mine, a Mile Underground.

Calumet, Mich.—A sharp earthquake shock, which was felt distinctly throughout Hancock and was most pronounced in the Quincy mine, killed one man and injured four others while working one mile below the earth's surface in that property Thursday.

In numerous instances buildings rocked, chimneys fell and dishes rattled, terrifying the citizens and causing scores of men, women and children to rush from their homes. Many miners on the day shift refused to go below again.

Thought Not of Self.

Chicago.—With both lower limbs severed at the knees and his body cut and bruised, Anthony Hopet, a railroad detective, crawled 50 feet in an effort to assist H. E. Kenke, who was struck by the same train and killed. Hopet died just as he succeeded in dragging himself alongside his companion.

Stock Transfer Tax Upheld.

Albany, N. Y.—The state court of appeals, by a unanimous decision, upholds the constitutionality of the law of this state taxing the transfer of shares of capital stock.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

Congress Urged to Enact Remedial Legislation in the Matter of Immunity.

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt, Wednesday afternoon, sent a message to congress urging remedial legislation in the matter of immunity to persons questioned by the bureau of corporations, and also advocating the passage of a law granting the right of appeal to the government in criminal cases, wherein the defendant has not yet been actually put on trial on the merits of the case.

These recommendations grow out of the recent decision of Judge Humphrey of the federal court at Chicago, in the beef trust cases, whose interpretation of the will of congress the president declares, comes measurably near making the law a farce.

THIRTY MEN INJURED

Were Precipitated Forty Feet To the Ground by the Giving Way of a Trestle.

Duluth, Minn.—Upwards of 30 laborers were injured, several seriously, during the evening, by the giving away of a trestle that connects ore docks No. 1 and No. 2 of the Duluth Mesaba & Northern railway. The accident happened when about 100 men, applicants for positions on the docks, were crowded to get to the foreman, who was doing the hiring. In the crush, a portion of the rail on the trestle gave way, 30 of the men being precipitated to the ground, a distance of about 40 feet.

WHITECAPPERS PUNISHED

Sentence Passed Upon the Bradley County Whitecappers in the Federal Court at Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark.—The half dozen Bradley county whitecappers, who were convicted in the United States court last Saturday, were sentenced by Judge Triebel. Columbus B. Boyet, Bill Morgan and Wash Morgan were each sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, and Lee Bromley, Joe Bromley and Bob Nichols to six months in jail and fined \$300.

THE INSURANCE SITUATION.

New York.—Millions indemnity for fire, but not a cent for earthquake. This is the insurance situation in San Francisco. The owners of property destroyed by the earthquake can not collect a dollar under their fire insurance policies, even though the buildings that fell were later swept by flames.

As Henry W. Eaton, manager of the Liverpool London and Globe, explained it, the insured can only collect on a building fire while standing. Once a structure is shaken by earthquake, the writers of insurance are not liable.

Another Oil Hearing Continuance.

Jenkinson City, Mo.—Owing to the serious illness of Attorney General Hadley, who is still confined to his bed with pleurisy, continued while returning from his recent investigation in New York, the final hearing of the oil matter proceedings in St. Louis set for April 18, has been indefinitely postponed. It is expected the hearing will take place here within a month, when the state's case will be closed.

Court of Inquiry Appointed.

Washington.—Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, has arrived at Guantanamo, Cuba, on his flagship Maine, and has called the navy department that he has appointed a court of inquiry to investigate the Kearsarge accident.

A Norwegian Exodus.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The coming coronation of King Haakon of Norway at Thinskjem, Norway, June 24, is expected to cause an exodus of thousands of Norwegians from the west and north-west to the old country this spring.

Negro Cuts Father's Throat.

St. Charles, Mo.—Thursday, Douglas Herald, colored, cut his father's throat and stabbed him in the left breast in defense of the young man's wife, whom the elder Herald had attacked with a pocket-knife. It is thought the injured man will die. Young Herald was placed in jail.

Death Under the Wheels.

St. Johns, Mo.—While he was trying to board a moving freight train, William Tompkinson, aged 21, fell under the wheels and was instantly killed.

THE KNOCKERS ARE AT WORK

ALLEGED FRICTION BETWEEN FUNSTON AND SCHMITZ.

Both the General and the Mayor Declare the Stories to Be Absolutely Unfounded.

Washington.—Secretary of War Taft's attention having been directed to the reports that friction existed at San Francisco between Gen. Funston and Mayor Schmitz, he sent a message to Gen. Funston asking for the facts in the case. Gen. Funston's reply was received at the war department Sunday and read as follows:

"Report of disagreement between Mayor Schmitz and myself, must be based upon the excited imagination of some overworked newspaper correspondent. Mayor Schmitz and myself have been working together in the unity of doing great work, and we are helping to the satisfaction of every friend of the community and all unfortunate people of the city."

The department also received, Sunday, two telegrams from Mayor Schmitz on this subject. The first one, which was dated Saturday, read as follows:

"Report of conflict between Gen. Funston and myself absolutely without foundation. We are not only without difference, but are co-operating in the utmost friendship and harmony. Gen. Funston's excellent work, his good judgment and his zeal in our cause by day and night are appreciated by the people of San Francisco in this hour of great distress."

"The army and nation are to be congratulated on the possession of such officers as Gen. Funston."

The second dispatch from Mayor Schmitz, which is dated Sunday, emphasizes this, the mayor expressing his indignation at the "remarkable malicious and decidedly untruthful suggestion" that a conflict exists between Gen. Funston and himself.

WILL NOT SHIRK LOSSES

Fire Insurance Companies, Though Hit Terribly Hard, Will Face the Music.

New York.—The fire insurance men have radically revised their estimates of the losses the various companies will have to pay as a result of the great conflagration in San Francisco. On Thursday it was believed that the total loss to the insurance companies would run somewhere between \$50,000,000 and \$55,000,000. It is the general opinion that the companies will have to pay out fully \$100,000,000, and a few men make estimates running as high as \$145,000,000. However, all such estimates are merely guesswork.

The general scheme is to deal with the fire sufferers on a liberal basis, but some of the smaller companies, it is reported, will try to minimize their losses by fighting claims on every possible technicality, chiefly on the ground that buildings were destroyed by earthquakes before the fire touched them. On this subject, E. H. A. Correa, of the Home Insurance Co., said:

"Any company which attempts to escape its liability by such a subterfuge might just as well go out of business forever. Some of them have been hit very hard, and one or two of the big companies will be seriously affected, but none of the latter will attempt to dodge liability by any quibble."

"The big companies will take their medicine, and prepare to capture new business by their prompt payment and equitable adjustments."

THE WINTER WHEAT STAND

Celebrated Crop Expert Tells of Conditions in the Southwest Country.

St. Paul, Minn.—Hon. Henry V. Jones, of Minneapolis, celebrated crop expert, whose estimate of wheat crops of past years have been the closest of any made in the country, has returned from a two weeks' trip in the southwest, inspecting the winter wheat outlook in that section. April conditions in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska are the most perfect in Mr. Jones' experience. He said:

"At the present time Texas and Oklahoma are on a basis of twice the yield of last year. Kansas is on a higher basis than a year ago, around 90,000,000 bushels. The Nebraska condition is good, although not so far advanced as Kansas. Millers in Texas say the harvest will begin May 15 to 20. Panhandle counties are par."

Louis Decker Was Convicted.

Springfield, Mo.—After simply taking three ballots, a jury in the criminal court returned a verdict of guilty at 8:35 o'clock Saturday night in the case of Louis Decker, formerly a member of the St. Louis house of delegates, who was charged with bribery, and assessed his punishment at five years in state's prison. No sooner had the clerk finished reading the verdict than Decker's counsel filed a motion for a new trial. Judge Lincoln announced that arguments on this motion will be heard near the close of this term.

Franklin Medal Given to France.

Philadelphia.—The formal presentation of the Franklin medal to the republic of France, as provided by congress, was one of the features of the Franklin celebration. Secretary Root made the presentation and the acceptance was by Ambassador Jusserand.

Railway Rate Bill.

Washington.—A determined effort is being made to effect a compromise between the contending republican factions in the senate over the railway rate bill, but nothing material has been accomplished.

MYSTERIES OF CHINATOWN

Nothing Left of the Surface Structures. But Ashes, While Uncovered Lie the Secret Passages.

Los Angeles, Cal.—"Strange and weird is the scene where formerly San Francisco's Chinatown stood," says W. W. Overton, who reached Los Angeles among the refugees. "No heap of smoking ruins marks the site of the wooden warrens where the slant-eyed men of the orient dwelt in thousands. The place is pitted with deep holes and seared with dark smoke wreaths. All the wood has gone and the winds are streaking the ashes. Men—white men—never knew the depths of Chinatown's underground city," says Mr. Overton. "They often talked of these subterranean runways. And many of them had gone beneath the street levels, two and three stories. But now that Chinatown has been unmasked, for the destroyed buildings were only a mask, men from the hillside have looked on where its inner secrets lay. In places they can see passages 100 feet deep."

The fire swept this Montolian section clean. It left no shred of the painted wooden fabric. It ate down to the bare ground and this lies stark, for the breezes have taken away the light ashes. Joss houses and mission schools, grocery stores and opium dens, gambling halls and theatres—all of them went. The buildings blazed up like tissue paper lanterns used to when the guttering candles touched their sides.

"And now there remain only the holes. These pit the hillside like a multitude of ground-swallows' nests. They show depths which the police never knew. The secrets of these burrows will never be known."

HAS HAD SOBERING EFFECT

Effect of the California Disaster Upon Business as Viewed Through Bradstreet's Eyes.

New York.—Bradstreet's regular weekly review says:

Fuller appreciation of the real extent of the appalling disaster at San Francisco has had a sobering effect upon the entire country, but it is recognized that the disturbance, though unprecedentedly hurtful, has been confined to a comparatively small area of country and the rest of the nation, contemplating as it does, prospects of bountiful crops and another year of great prosperity, finds itself alike willing and able to give freely of its abundance to help the stricken city and state. In the last analysis it is felt that while temporary effects upon, for instance, prices of securities and commodities has been depressing, it is likewise certain that replacement on a scale hitherto unknown will give employment to the thousands within and without the section affected and stimulate productive energies beyond measure.

STABBER GETS SIX MONTHS

John Lawrence Brady, the St. Louis Stabber, Given a Workhouse Sentence.

St. Louis.—Solemnly vowing he will never repeat his offenses, John Lawrence Brady, the Stabber, joyfully accepted a six-months' sentence to the workhouse in Judge Reynolds' court Friday afternoon. He went out of the court room gaily, loudly proclaiming his gladness at the outcome of his trial.

The case on trial was that of Mrs. Martha Young and the charge was felonious assault. The jury was out two and one-half hours.

HAWAII ROCKED BY QUAKES

Vibrations Lasted Six Minutes, and Caused a Panic in Honolulu.

Honolulu, Hawaii.—Earthquakes rocked the Hawaiian islands for six minutes. Several houses were demolished in Honolulu, and the residents were panic stricken. Crowds rushed from the swaying buildings in the business district and attempted to make their way out of the city. The vibrations caused the water to rise rapidly in the harbor, and for a time it was feared that the city would be swept by a tidal wave.

The authorities were forced to appeal to the men of war anchored in the harbor for assistance in restoring order. A large force of marines was landed and policed the city. No estimate of the damage has been obtained.

St. Capulin Is Waking Up.

Trinidad, Col.—Two sharp, distinct earthquake shocks were felt at Folsom, N. M. The shock has cracked the side of Mount Capulin, an extinct volcano, which is now emitting smoke and heat from two crevasses its side. People are fleeing in every direction.

So far as learned, no one was injured. After the shock the smoke started to pour from the volcano's summit and slopes. In some places the crevasses are five feet wide. The heat is so intense that snow which had covered the mountain to a depth of nearly five feet, is almost entirely melted.

Soldiers Kill Eight Samar Natives.

Manila, P. I.—Captain William M. Morrow, with the Twenty-first infantry, attacked Tiduecue's band in their mountain fastness on the island of Samar, killing eight of them in a hand-to-hand fight. Three soldiers were wounded.

Fireman Killed in Collision.

Phoenix, Ariz.—On Friday, two freight trains collided south of Tempe on the Maricopa & Phoenix railroad. Fireman Hutchins was killed and Engineer Goodrich probably fatally injured.

AMENDMENTS ARE INVALID

DECISION BY THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT.

The Right of the Governor to Fill Official Vacancies, Poll Tax and Road Tax Laws Invalidated.

Little Rock, Ark.—Monday the state supreme court handed down a decision, Monday, that invalidates three constitutional amendments. The case in point involved the right of the governor to fill official vacancies by appointment, and it was held by the supreme court that the amendment was not adopted, for the reason that it did not receive a majority of all the votes on that particular question.

The poll tax amendment requiring all voters to have poll tax receipts, and the road tax amendment, providing for a levy of a special three-mill tax for road improvements are affected in a like manner.

The official vacancies must now be filled by election under old law. The road tax can not be levied and poll tax requisite is invalid.

OREGON TOWNS SHAKEN

Grant's Pass and Glendale, Ore., Shaken By Earthquake's Early Monday Morning.

Portland, Ore.—Most pronounced earthquake shocks caused panics in two Oregon towns Monday morning, according to dispatches to Portland newspapers.

Grant's Pass was shaken at 1:12 a. m. The shock was accompanied by severe rumblings, and the inhabitants were panic-stricken. Furniture moved about in the houses, and many windows were broken. The shock lasted for 15 to 20 seconds, and its course apparently was from east to west.

Dispatches from Glendale, Ore., state that a severe earthquake shock occurred there at 1:11 o'clock Monday morning. The inhabitants were awakened by the rocking of the buildings, and fled to the streets in a panic. No serious damage has been reported so far.

Grant's Pass is a city of about 4,000 inhabitants, located on the Southern Pacific railroad, 296 miles south of Portland. It is about 30 miles north of the California state line.

Glendale is 70 miles north of Grant's Pass. The population is about 300.

GIVES OF HIS ABUNDANCE

Adolphus Busch, Just Returned From San Francisco, Gives \$100,000 to Relief Fund.

St. Louis.—Monday evening, after reaching St. Louis with Mrs. Busch and the other members of his party, from San Francisco, where they had a thrilling experience in the earthquake and fire last Wednesday, Adolphus Busch, president of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association, sent the following telegram to Secretary of War Taft:

"St. Louis, April 23, 1906.—Hon. William H. Taft, President Red Cross Society, Washington, D. C.: Inspired by the president's recommendation, by confidence in you as the head of the Red Cross society and by the splendid conduct of the national troops as I witnessed it, the Anheuser-Busch Brewing association subscribes \$100,000 to San Francisco sufferers, subject to your directions.

"ADOLPHUS BUSCH, President."

ECHO OF THE RECENT WAR

Officers On Board the Russian Destroyer Redovi May All Be Court-Martialed.

St. Petersburg.—The special naval commission which has been investigating the naval battle of Tsu Shima straits, in which the Russian fleet was destroyed, has reported in favor of court-martialing all the officers who were on board the torpedo boat destroyer Redovi, to which Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky was transferred after the disabling of his flagship, for surrendering the vessel. Admiral Rojestvensky alone is excepted, because he was wounded and unconscious when his flag was lowered.

Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky, who recently applied for retirement on the ground of shattered health, nevertheless has requested that he be tried with the others, though his punishment, as in the case of Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff, may be dismissal in disgrace from the navy.

Death Rather Than Arrest.

St. Louis.—Seeking to escape a policeman who was coming to arrest him for threatening to kill his wife, Edward Blomberg ran into the cellar of his home at 1847 North Market street Monday afternoon, and shot himself in the right temple, dying instantly.

The suicide followed a bitter quarrel between Blomberg and his wife. According to her story to the police, he was insanely jealous, and he told her that he would kill her and commit suicide.

Fatal Accident On River.

St. Louis.—Sunday, Arthur Lamping, aged 13, was accidentally killed near Valley Park, on the Meramec river, by George Coslow, a member of a yachting party, who was shooting at a bird. Lamping was on the bank, and the bullet pierced his heart. The coroner's inquest resulted in a verdict of accident.

Woman Burned to Death.

Chicago.—Sunday, Miss Edith Foschman, nurse at Mercy hospital, was burned to death by the explosion of a sterilizing compound. Miss Katherine, another nurse, was severely injured.